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**GENERAL**

1. US suggests tripartite proposal to USSR on Trieste--In order to retain the initiative on the tripartite Trieste proposal and to forestall possible Soviet countermoves, the US has suggested to the French Government that the US, UK, and France address a joint note to the USSR indicating a hope of early Soviet agreement to the return of Trieste to Italy. The joint note would further propose a meeting in Paris of the interested governments during the first week of May to draft the necessary protocol to the Italian Treaty.

**EUROPE**

2. AUSTRIA: Gruber's position on treaty--Austrian Foreign Minister Gruber has expressed to US Legation Vienna the following views on the Austrian treaty negotiations: (a) the treaty must remain the primary objective of the Austrian Government; (b) negotiations should be shifted to such problems concerning Austrian security as Austrian frontiers, the Austrian Army, and a guarantee of Austrian independence; and (c) the western powers should make concessions to counter the substantial concession the USSR has made in its original assets proposal.

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